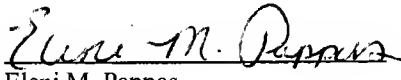


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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

Introductory Comments

This Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and Response to Office Action is being filed in response to a final Office Action mailed on January 4, 2010 and the Advisory Action mailed September 21, 2010 for the above-referenced application. Since this Response is being filed on or before October 4, 2010, this submittal includes a Petition for Revival of an Application for Patent Abandoned Unavoidably under 37 CFR 1.137(a), the Requisite Petition fee, and the RCE fee.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper. **Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.